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Ride Free to Downtown Restaurants for Dine Downtown

Kick off the new year enjoying a great meal at one of the many downtown restaurants – and take SacRT to get there, ride free on Fridays! From Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 22, 2023, Central City restaurants will serve Dine Downtown prix fixe dinner menus for \$45 per person.

SacRT is offering free rides on bus, light rail and Smart Ride on Friday, January 13, 2023 and Friday, January 20, 2023 from 3 p.m. until the end of service. Simply print or screen shot the free ride flyer to show a bus operator or light rail fare inspector. Visit sacrt.com/dinedowntown to get the free ride flyer.

To check out the menus and plan your Dine Downtown experience, visit GoDowntownSac.com/DineDowntown. To plan your trip on SacRT, visit sacrt.com/services or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

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SacRT Service Plan and Title VI Analysis Available for Public Comment

SacRT is currently seeking public comments on a proposal to continue service reductions currently in place on bus routes 81, 107, 134 and 142. Service on these routes is NOT proposed to change from today's levels. However, SacRT is taking public comments on these five routes, because they are not currently operating at their full level of normal service. The detailed service plan and a Title VI service equity analysis is available for public review at sacrt.com/titlevi.

Comments can be submitted using the options below. Please direct all comments to James Drake, SacRT's Principal Planner.

- Online: sacrt.com/customerfeedback
- Email: customeradvocacy@sacrt.com
- Phone: 916-557-4545

Comments must be received by Monday, January 16, 2023, to be included in the public record.

SacRT Rebranding Survey Coming in January

SacRT is well underway with its rebranding initiative. In September 2022, we announced that SacRT is developing a new brand identity and logo as part of our marketing strategy. The goal of the project will be to modernize our brand and increase our visibility by helping our riders identify our vehicles and all the services we provide.

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As we are approaching a major milestone in the project, we will be releasing a survey with some of the final contenders for our new brand. Our team has been hard at work developing an authentic new visual identity for our transit system, and we cannot wait to get your feedback.

An online survey link will be announced soon on our website to vote on your favorite new visual identity and provide feedback for the design team. Learn more at sacrt.com/rebranding.

SacRT Holiday Bus Continues through January 2nd

The SacRT Holiday Bus will run for its final two days of the season on January 1, 2023 and January 2, 2023. Donations collected on the bus benefit the Front Street Animal Shelter in Sacramento. You can also donate online any time of the year at frontstreetshelter.org and learn about other ways you can help local animals.

MLK March for the Dream

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 16, 2023. Show your support by participating the MLK365 March for the Dream. The march offers two options: from the Oak Park Community Center at 8 a.m., or from Sacramento City College at 9:15 a.m. SacRT is offering a free ride flyer to get march participants to and from Sacramento City College, view the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer. SacRT staff and a SacRT bus will participate in the march. Learn more at mlk365.org.

Rider Alert

January 2023 Service Changes

Effective January 1, 2023, SacRT has made minor service adjustments to the following routes:

Route 23 (El Camino): Monday through Friday, the inbound 3:14 p.m. trip from El Camino and Greenwood will depart at 3:30 p.m. to improve connections.

Route 51 (Stockton/Broadway): Monday through Friday, the time for the inbound 9:19 p.m. and 9:49 p.m. trips starting from Florin Towne Centre to 8th & F have been adjusted to improve on time performance.

Route 72 (Rosemont): Monday through Friday, the inbound 7:48 a.m. trip from Mather Field/Mills to Manlove will depart at 7:53 a.m. to improve connections. Monday through Friday, the inbound 7:22 a.m. trip from Rockingham and Mather will depart at 7:48 a.m. to improve connections. Monday through Friday, the inbound 7:36 a.m. trip from Rockingham and Routier will depart at 8:02 a.m. to improve connections. Monday through Friday, the outbound 3:06 p.m. trip from Branch Center will depart at 3:37 p.m. to improve connections.

Route 102 (Riverside Commuter): Monday through Friday, the outbound 7:18 a.m. trip to Rush River will depart at 7:30 a.m. to improve connections.

Due to changes in school start and end times, all schedules will shift accordingly on the following routes: 105, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 226, 246, 247, 248, 252, and 255.

Visit sacrt.com/januaryservice for details.

Bus Stop Improvement Plan Available for Public Comment

SacRT and Civic Thread are working to complete a Bus Stop Improvement Plan for the SacRT service area, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento, and Sacramento County.

The plan will be posted online at sacrt.com/busstopimprovement for public comment on Monday, January 9, 2023. SacRT and Civic Thread will be taking public comment on the plan through Tuesday, February 3, 2023.

The Bus Stop Improvement Plan will create a comprehensive list of necessary and desired improvements to bus stops, amenities, and supporting pedestrian infrastructure. Learn how to comment at sacrt.com/busstopimprovement.

Track Your Bus with SacRT's BusTracker App

SacRT's new BusTracker App uses global positioning system (GPS) technology to provide real-time information on the arrival times and locations of our buses. Simply use your smartphone, tablet or computer to view SacRT bus service in real time, get real-time stop predictions and plan your trip on the go. With SacRT BusTracker you can sign-up for real-time notifications and receive emails and text messages about your bus at specified times, stops and routes. Learn more about how to use SacRT's BusTracker at sacrt.com/bustracker.

January is Sex Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. SacRT teamed up with Soroptimist International and local law enforcement to help educate the public about these crimes and how to spot them. Everyone can play a part in ending human trafficking.

SacRT is sharing messages on vehicles, electronic message boards, passenger newsletter and social media during the month of January. In addition, SacRT has an employee training program to help spot human trafficking.

To report a tip about possible trafficking or to connect with anti-trafficking services, contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888, text "BeFree" to 233733 or visit humantraffickinghotline.org.

Planned Light Rail Service Disruption January 28 & January 29

On Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29, 2023, SMUD will be replacing three utility poles along the south Blue Line. Light rail service will be temporarily suspended between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. both days between the 16th Street Station and 47th Street Station. Light rail service will operate before 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m. both days. The following stations will not have light rail service: Broadway, 4th Avenue/Wayne Hultgren, City College and Fruitridge. A shuttle bus (bus bridge) will transport riders between these stations. For more information, please visit sacrt.com/alerts or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).



Update on SacRT's Light Rail Modernization Plan

SacRT is in the process of updating the light rail network with its Light Rail Modernization Project. This project will modernize the light rail system and include new low-floor light rail vehicles, updated station platforms, and a "passing track" in Folsom.

Construction on the "passing track" will break ground in late January 2023. Riders will not be affected by construction at this time. However, once construction begins, light rail service between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations is expected to be temporarily suspended from August 2023 to February 2024. A shuttle bus (bus bridge) will transport riders between stations.

In preparation for the new low-car vehicles, light rail station platforms will need to be modified. The station conversion portion of the project is estimated to begin in early February 2023 at the 59th Street Station. During construction, the 59th Street Station will be closed to customers for 30 days and bus bridges will in place and operate between the 48th Street Station and the University/65th Street Station to transport riders in between stations. For details, please visit sacrt.com/modernization.